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SUBJECT: NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES FOR SAUDI HOWITZERS

REFS: (A) SANA 4288, (B) STATE 296028

1. ALTHOUGH 12 M102 HOWITZERS WERE ORIGINALLY LOANED TO YAR, IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY DOUBTFUL THAT THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO SAA. IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT ASSURANCES REQUESTED FROM YARG AND CONTAINED IN REFTEL B ARE NECESSARY UNDER LAW WHETHER WEAPONS ARE LOANED OR OWNERSHIP TRANSFERRED.

2. YOU SHOULD STRESS THIS TO YARG, PARTICULARLY IF THEY CONTEND THAT HOWITZERS ARE IN YAR SIMPLY ON LOAN.

3. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT ASSURANCES ORIGINALLY
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REQUESTED ONE YEAR AGO (STATE 299339 OF DEC 19, 1975)
HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. UNTIL THESE ASSURANCES ARE
RECEIVED USG CANNOT GIVE FINAL CONSENT TO CONVEYANCE
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